

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 were pending and under consideration in the above-identified application.

In the Office Action of March 30, 2010, claims 1-10 were rejected.

With this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 4 and 6 are amended.

I. 35 U.S.C. 112 Rejection

Claims 2 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

The Applicant has amended the claim taking into consideration the Examiner's suggestions. The Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of this rejection.

II. 35 U.S.C. § 103 Obviousness Rejection of Claims

Claims 1, 3, 4-6 and 8-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being anticipated by *Eggers et al.* (U.S. Pat. No. 5,692,058).

Claims 2, 7 and 3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being anticipated by *Eggers* in view of *Porambo et al.* (U.S. Pat. No. 5,450,624).

Applicant respectfully traverses both of these rejections.

In relevant part, claim 1 recites an audio unit which includes a switching unit which switches a signal sent to the amplifying unit between a tuner unit, a digital reproducing unit and a line input unit and a control unit which a control unit which switches between a first mode and a second mode in response to the selected signal sent to the amplifying unit and at least two predetermined user inputs of the operating unit, where in the first mode when the tuner unit is selected by the switching unit, the power to the digital reproducing unit is on while the tuner unit receives the broadcast and sends the broadcast to the amplifier unit and in the second mode, when the tuner unit is selected by the switching unit, the power to the digital reproducing unit is off while the tuner unit receives the broadcast and sends the broadcast to the amplifier unit.

This is unlike Eggers which fails to disclose or even fairly suggest an audio device with a switching unit and a control unit which turns on and off a digital reproducing unit when a tuner is selected by the switching unit and a predefined user input is received. Instead, Eggers discloses an audio system which includes a multiplexer that sends an audio signal to one of two amplifiers. See, U.S. Pat. No. 5,692,058, Col. 5, l. 45-55. This cannot be fairly viewed as disclosing an audio device with a switching unit and a control unit which turns on and off a digital reproducing unit when a tuner is selected by the switching unit and a predefined user input is received because Eggers fails to disclose a switching unit and a control unit.

Porambo, similarly, fails to disclose an audio device with a switching unit and a control unit which turns on and off a digital reproducing unit when a tuner is selected by the switching unit and a predefined user input is received. Instead, *Porambo* merely discloses turning on a diagnostic mode by simultaneously pressing two keys . See, U.S. Pat. No. 5,450,624, Col. 4, l. 49-55. This cannot be fairly viewed as disclosing an audio unit an audio device with a switching unit and a control unit which turns on and off a digital reproducing unit when a tuner is selected by the switching unit and a predefined user input is received because Parambo merely discloses initiating a diagnostic program by pressing buttons simultaneously and changing operation modes based on a user input and a tuner being selected by a switching unit.

As the current application teaches, by providing an audio device with a switching unit and a control unit which turns on and off a digital reproducing unit when a tuner is selected by the switching unit and a predefined user input is received, the user can eliminate any interference to the tuner audio signal caused by the digital reproducing unit being powered on. (See, U.S. Pub. 2005/0090214 Para. [0022]).

Therefore, because *Eggers*, *Porambo*, or any combination of the two fails to disclose or even fairly suggest all of the features of the claim 1, the rejection is improper. Because claims 2-10 depend, either directly or indirectly from claim 1, those claims are patentable at least for the same reasons.

III. Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that all claims are clearly allowable over the cited prior art, and respectfully requests early and favorable notification to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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